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Elder Quentin L. Cook (left) called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and Elder Henry B. Eyring (right) called as Second Counselor in the First Presidency

COVER Story

HENRY B. EYRING

Called to Serve in the First Presidency of the Church

By Cecily Markland
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Just weeks before the October General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where Henry B. Eyring was sustained as Second Counselor in the First Presidency, he made stops in Arizona where he participated in dedicatory ceremonies, commended and encouraged Latter-day Saints

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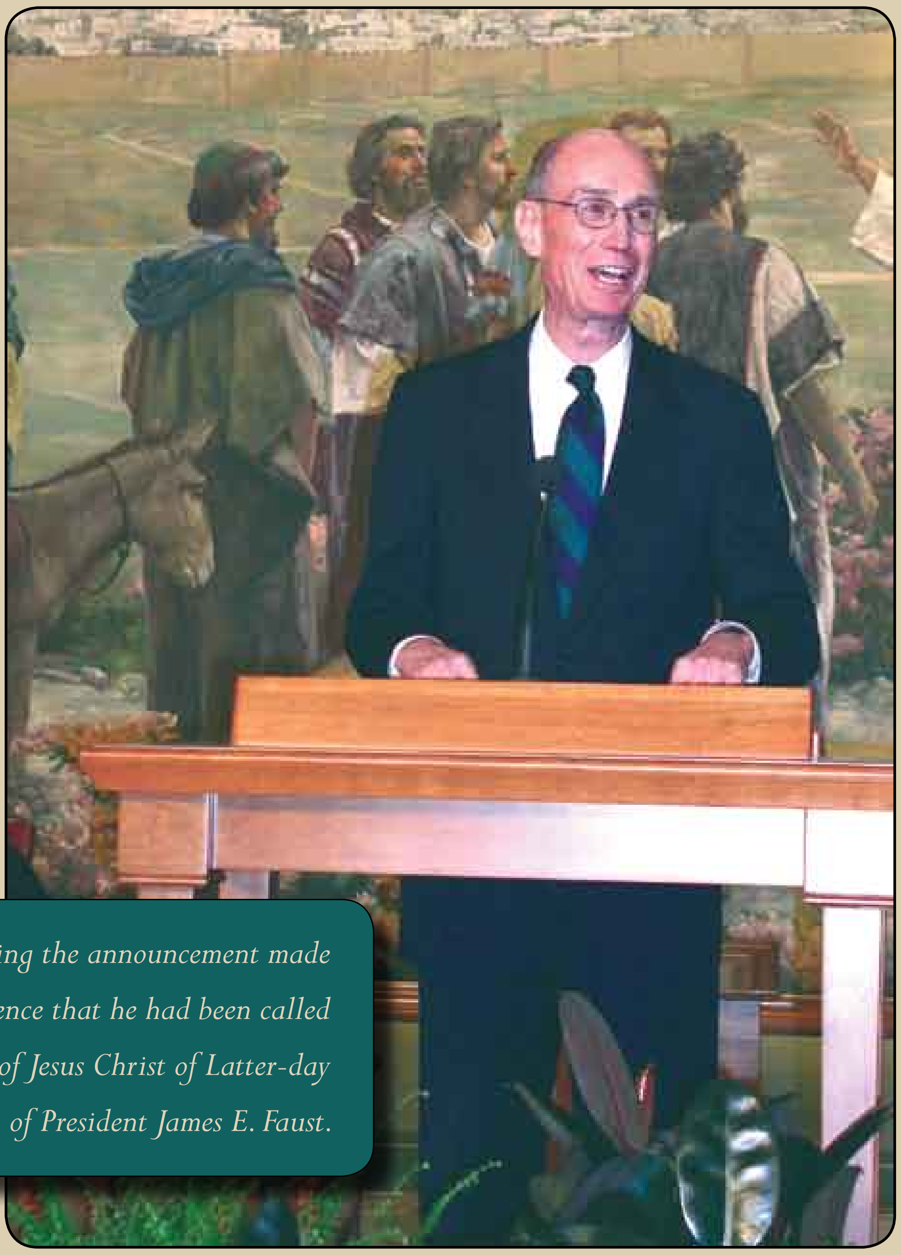

Henry B. Eyring speaks at a news conference following the announcement made in the Saturday morning session of October Conference that he had been called to serve as Second Counselor in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a vacancy created with the death of President James E. Faust.

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Henry B. Eyring
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across the state, and paid tribute to his ties to Arizona.

President Eyring was in Tempe September 16, 2007 to dedicate the new Institute of Religion at Arizona State University. The day before he had been in Thatcher to dedicate the Bell Tower at Eastern Arizona College, his father's alma matter.

His father, Henry Eyring, was raised on a cattle ranch in Colonia Juarez, Mexico, but relocated to Pima, Arizona, after being driven out of Mexico by violent insurgents during the Mexican Revolution. Henry completed high school in Pima and graduated from what was then called Gila Academy and is now is known as Eastern Arizona College. He later received degrees from the University of Arizona in mining engineering, metallurgy and chemistry; and went on to become an internationally known scientist and scholar, winning many major awards in chemistry.

President Henry B. Eyring, like his father, also distinguished himself as a scholar and educator.

He remembers a childhood home filled with blackboards in the basement, instead of the customary ping pong tables.

"We'd talk about spiritual things, we'd talk about world affairs, we'd talk about history," President Eyring recalls. "So the dinner table was the most interesting place you've ever been in your life. Here are these brilliant people talking, but not trying to be brilliant."

President Eyring earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Utah, then pursued a business administration degree at the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He met his future wife, Kathleen Johnson, while at Harvard. After completing master and doctoral degrees at Harvard, President Eyring became an assistant professor at the Stanford Graduate School of Business in Palo Alto, California.

The Eyrings created a laboratory of learning in their home for their fours sons and two daughters, where secular learning was always put in context with scripture study as the foundation.

Sister Eyring says President Eyring, whom she calls "Hal", is "a wonderful husband and father."

She says, "One of the things I appreciate most about Hal is his sensitivity to the Spirit, which he brings into our home."

In turn, President Eyring praises his wife, saying, "She has been a person who has always made me want to be the very best I can be."

President Eyring served as head of Ricks College, now Brigham Young University-Idaho, for five years before being called to various Church leadership positions, including Commissioner of Church Education.

On April 1, 1995, he was called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. In that capacity, he has traveled throughout the world to help govern the worldwide Church and strengthen the members with his powerful sermons.

After his appointment as an apostle, President Eyring said, "I feel a greater and greater need each day for the Lord's help as I strive to serve in this sacred position."

Those sentiments were echoed again this past October as President Eyring spoke to a media conference about his call to serve in the First Presidency to fill the vacancy created with the death of President James E. Faust.

President Eyring said he had received a telephone call from President Hinckley on Thursday evening, October 4.

"He asked me if I'd be willing to join President Monson and him in the First Presidency," he explains. "It was a marvelous way to extend a call from the Lord."

President Eyring expressed his regard for his predecessor, President

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Faust, saying, “He was very sensitive and kindly, the dearest friend and best mentor you could have.”

Looking back, President Eyring gives credit to others as well. He said he always felt nurtured by his parents and his loving wife, and he was always surrounded by good people who tutored him and served as examples.

“I view my life as a charmed life where Heavenly Father has walked me very gently along the way. I’ve always had the feeling that He kind of led me along through the tall grass, very kindly and always giving me better than I deserve, in terms of people and in terms of experience,” President Eyring shares.

Among the most precious relationships, he said, were the associations he has had over the years with other members of the Quorum of the Twelve. He spoke about those associations and how they compared to his relationships and interactions in the business world.

He told of being in a meeting with President Harold B. Lee. President Eyring says opinions and disagreements were shared.

“Their communication was more open than anything I’d every seen in business,” he says, then, “after a while, they began to agree and the opinions began to line up.”

Yet, as the meeting drew to a close, President Eyring describes the “miracle” that occurred: Rather than moving forward with what had been decided, “President Lee said, ‘I think we’ll bring this matter up another time. I sense someone in the room is not settled.’”

President Eyring recognized how remarkable, and different, the situation was compared to the business world.

“We’re in another setting here. This is the true Church of Jesus Christ. Revelation is real, even in what you’d call a business kind of setting,” he said.

President Eyring added that this difference between the world and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is just what he would like people to understand. He says through the growth and expansion of the Church and its increasing recognition and presence in the media, he hopes people will more fully understand: “We are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as the son of God.”

President Eyring would like to convey to the world, “We have a loving Heavenly Father and He hears prayers. There is a Lord, Jesus Christ, and whenever we go to Heavenly Father in faith, in the name of Jesus Christ, oh, how he listens.”

President Eyring extended an invitation to the world, both members of the Church and those who are of other faiths, saying, “We invite all to come and partake of this blessing to the degree they would like.”

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At a news conference following the Saturday morning session of the October General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bruce Olsen (far right), Managing Director of Public Affairs, introduced Henry B. Eyring (center), new Second Counselor in the First Presidency, and Quentin L. Cook (far left), new member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostle. President Erying and Elder Cook then took questions from the media.

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Mesa woman directs
"America's Got Talent"
finalist show

By Cecily Markland
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Photo provided by Nanci Wudel

Nanci Wudel (sitting in the center), who helped the Dutton family prepare for their four appearances on America's Got Talent, then worked as the creative director for the America's Got Talent Finalist Show in Branson, poses with the Dutton family onstage in Hollywood following the live telecast of NBC's season finale of the popular talent show.

"America's Got Talent," and Nanci Wudel, of the Mesa 30th Ward, Mesa East Stake, saw that up close and personal as creative director for a September show in Branson, Missouri, that featured the 10 finalists from this year's NBC hit television show.

After six years of doing so, Nanci is well familiar with directing the Arizona Easter Pageant cast; and, while the Finalist Show and another show she directed this summer had a much different setting and purpose, Nanci still found opportunities to share her beliefs and plant gospel seeds.

The Finalist Show was hosted by the Duttons, an LDS family of professional musicians who were among the "America's Got Talent" top 10. It was held at the Dutton Theater in Branson, where the family performs nine months of the year. Then, as they are doing now for the third year, the Duttons bring their Branson show to Arizona for the winter.

Sister Wudel first met the family when they showed up at Easter Pageant rehearsals one day.

"It was their first year here in the Valley and they were just checking things out to see about the options of spending the winters here," Nanci explains. From the beginning, she felt a strong connection to the family.

"It was just like we knew each other.

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I was drawn to their spirits and testimonies," Nanci says.

She kept in touch and was thrilled to learn the Duttons had been selected for Season 2 of America's Got Talent—and soon learned that also would involve her.

The Duttons had only a few days' notice before they needed to be in California for America's Got Talent, but they had brought in 15 Samoan performers for a new Polynesian show that was to open in Branson at the same time.

Nanci says, "They called and said, 'We have this show that has to open; can you come and direct and open it?'"

Having worked as a consultant for BYU Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center for the past 10 years, Nanci was familiar with the Polynesian dances and the culture.

She also had the skills—from other consulting work; from her work on the Easter Pageant; and as a director and producer of videos, infomercials and TV commercials—to, within a week, teach the performers theatre showmanship and prepare them to open the "Island Fire" show.

After that show's successful run, the Duttons asked for Nanci's help with their America's Got Talent appearance, and she directed their four numbers as they moved through the rounds.

"I gave input on choreography and musical arrangement and helped cut the numbers to the required 90 seconds," she says.

She says the Duttons' "sheer talent and amazing skills" captured the attention of television audiences, and, as a result, "out of 100,000 people who auditioned, they got into the top 10," Nanci says.

In addition to impressing the nation, the Duttons made a lasting impression on other cast members and everyone at NBC.

"They were so well respected and so well thought of," Nanci says. "They planted a lot of missionary seeds by their example."

The Finalist Show came at the request of David Hasselhoff, who wanted to help the acts pursue their dreams to continue performing, and the Duttons gladly opened their Branson theatre, again asking Sister Wudel to produce the show.

Nanci and the Duttons shared their expectations that the performers—which included the Calypso Tumblers, singer Robert Hatcher, the Glamazons, Cas Haley, Butterscotch and Jason Pritchett—adhere to the theatre's "family-friendly standards" of dress and language and to refrain from drinking and smoking while participating.

"It was a great experience to be able, in a professional setting, to ask these performers to abide by a code of conduct. They probably won't ever have to do that again, but they seemed happy to comply and to support the family values the Duttons have worked hard to preserve and portray," Nanci says.

She adds, "All the finalists were awesome. So great to work with and so amazingly talented."

Still, Sister Wudel says, "The most rewarding part of all that I do is the Easter Pageant. Everyone is there for one reason. They want to do it for the Savior."

Note: For information about the Dutton's Christmas show and their other Arizona performances, visit www.theduttons.com.

International adoption agency holds informational seminars

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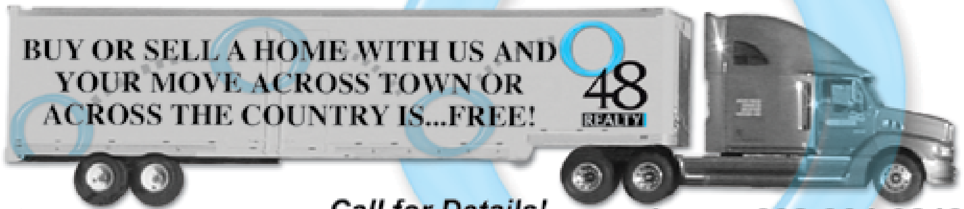
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SONS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS

hold national convention in Mesa

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At the national convention of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, held in Mesa in October, nearly 300 participants honored the heritage of the pioneers as they listened to speakers, went on treks and mingled with other society members and their wives. Shown, front, Leona and Kenyon Udall, who gave the opening keynote address; and, back, Wally Burgess, who was honored for being "Today's Pioneer" and Glenda Heaton.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers, a modern-day organization that celebrates the heritage and the history of the early pioneers, did that in a big way as they met for the National Convention in Mesa in September.

Filling the large hotel banquet room to capacity, more than 300 gathered for the opening dinner. Then, over the course of the three-day event, SUP members and their wives went on "treks" to visit historic sites, heard from experts in pioneer history, had opportunities to fellowship with one another and enjoyed meals and entertainment together.

As host for this year's national convention, the Mesa SUP Chapter, led by chapter president, William Snarr, planned and organized the event. Opening remarks were by L. Kenyon Udall, whose family is a part of Arizona's pioneer legacy. Kenyon, now retired from a successful law practice, also served as an Arizona Supreme Court judge.

Kenyon's Church service includes Scoutmaster, stake high councilor and bishop. With his wife, Leona Carpenter Udall, he served as mission president in the Paris Idaho Mission, and, following in the footsteps of his father, David King Udall, the first president of the Mesa Arizona Temple, Kenyon served as temple president from 1997 to 2000.

Brother Udall has a long list of community service as well, including as a member of the Gilbert Town Council, Mayor of Gilbert and a member of the School Board in Gilbert and Thatcher.

He spoke of growing up in Thatcher and of the "pioneers" he had known, saying,

"The coming of the Mormon pioneers to Utah was not a thing of chance, and we need to dedicate ourselves to the work they so nobly began."

The other main speaker was Otto Shill who paid tribute to his pioneer heritage and others who settled the Mesa area.

An important part of the event was recognizing, one of "Today's Pioneers," Wallace L. (Wally) Burgess of Mesa.

Born in 1925 in Gallup, New Mexico, Wally spent his childhood in small towns in New Mexico and Arizona as his father moved from place to place with his work on the railroad. At 17, Wally joined the Navy and was part of the retaking of the Philippine Islands in 1944 and had many memorable experiences as he worked to help the Philippine people return to more

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Root beer floats to help fund ALS Research

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is all too familiar to Vickie Brimhall, of the Augusta Ranch 1st Ward, Mesa AZ Desert Ridge Stake. Vickie lost both her brother and sister to the disease.

ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease, attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord resulting in muscle weakness, atrophy and eventually death. Fifteen Americans are diagnosed with ALS every day.

In an effort to spare others the heartache she has experienced, Sister Brimhall is spearheading a fundraising event in the Phoenix area to raise awareness and funds for ALS research. Working directly with *Augie's Quest* www.augiesquest.org and Basha's, Sister Brimhall will be selling root beer floats at local Basha's and Food City stores on Saturdays during the month of February 2008.

Volunteers are needed to help and Vickie says it would be a great project for Boy Scouts, Young Women looking for service hours, or anyone willing to work a shift to help the cause to support much needed research.

Donations of ice cream scoops, straws, and other supplies are also welcome. Corporate donors can help, too. Those interested can e-mail Vickie Brimhall at helpingaugie@hotmail.com.

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normal conditions.

After working on the railroads for a short time, Wally returned to school and earned education degrees to teach and administer in schools in California and Arizona; and, for the next 37 years, he focused on helping the youth of the Southwest. He taught on the Indian reservations for a number of years and was the first public school administrator on the Gila River Indian Reservation. While superintendent of schools in Sacaton, Arizona, he initiated a kindergarten there, even before the state had adopted that concept. He also pioneered the first seminary in Gilbert and has served in the Church as a temple worker and family history missionary.

Wally also is known for his model railroad collection, which includes four complete tracks and 65 railroad cars and which he has loved sharing with his seven children, 26 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren and many neighbors and friends.

Brother Burgess has served as a leader in the Sons of the Utah Pioneer organization for the past 17 years and is currently the Area Vice President for the state of Arizona.

Brother Burgess says, "It's a wonderful organization, with a wonderful purpose and wonderful people to associate with."

Membership in the organization is "open to men everywhere who subscribe to the ideals and values of the early Utah pioneers," the Web site states. "All are invited who desire to learn more about these noble forebearers and who wish to promote their memory and legacy."

Members meet monthly with wives and guests at dinner meetings to share a meal and have a program with music and speakers. In addition, members enjoy "treks" to see important pioneer sites and participate with their chapters in erecting monuments honor special places or events.

To join the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and become associated with the Mesa chapter, visit the Web site at www.sonsofutahpioneers.org or call William Snarr at 480-835-1379 or Wally Burgess at 480-964-1387.

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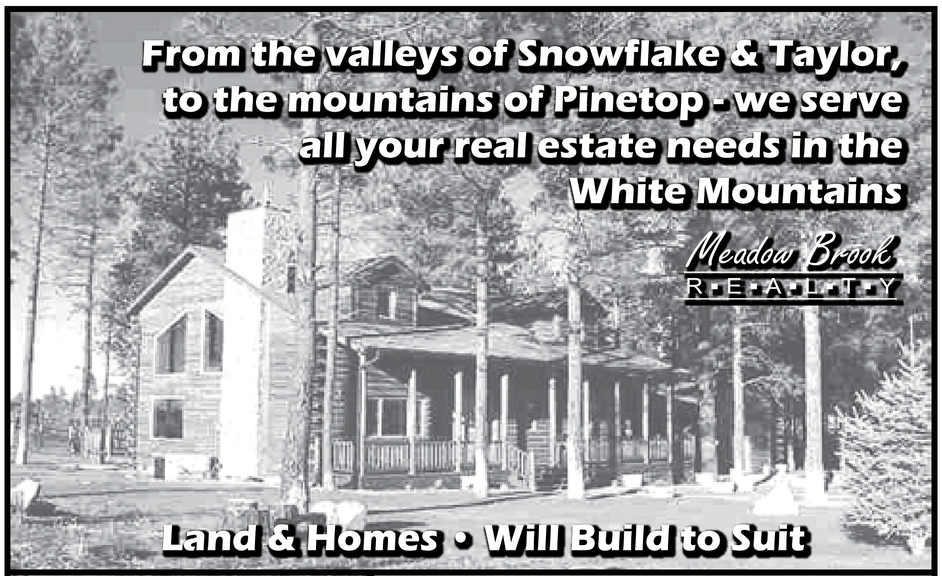
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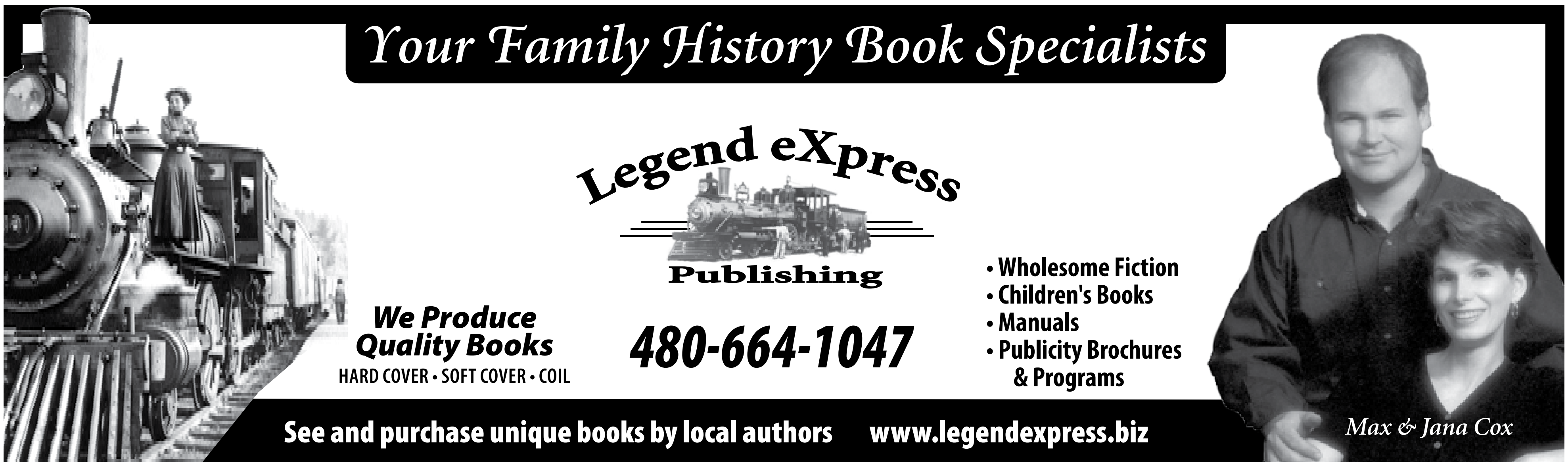
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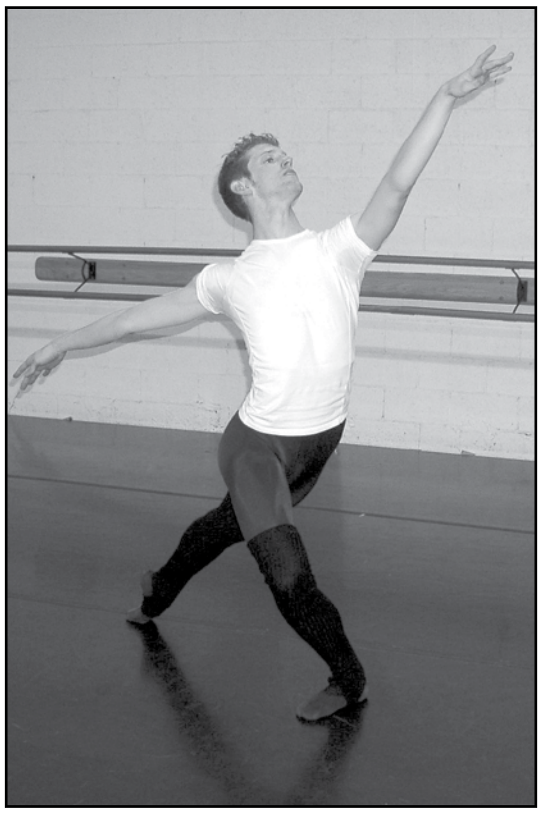
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Taking a stand for what he prizes most and working hard to achieve his dreams, Wesley Tippetts, of Gilbert, has excelled in dance and will dance in “The Nutcracker” with Ballet Arizona this season—just prior to submitting his papers to serve a mission for the Church.

While most of his peers played soccer and baseball, Wesley Tippetts was forming rock hard muscles, graceful strength, unparalleled flexibility and a competitive edge—all from working out on the dance floor.

As a result, the 19-year-old from the Freestone Park Ward in the Gilbert Stake has not only honed his physique, skill and discipline, but Wesley also has captured numerous honors and is winning recognition in the world of classical ballet, particularly now as a member of Ballet Arizona.

Ballet Arizona, a professional ballet company that teaches and performs classical and contemporary ballet, is known for its commitment to excellence as well as its community education programs that reach more than 35,000 children each year.

Since joining Ballet Arizona in 2006, Wesley has performed soloist roles in “Swan Lake,” Twyla Tharp’s “The Golden Section,” and Ib Andersen’s “The Nutcracker” (as Spanish Chocolate and Russian Trepak). This past October he performed in “Giselle,” and from December 7 through 27, he will appear in “The Nutcracker” at Symphony Hall.

Wesley’s dance career started at age eight when, after seeing Riverdance, he started with tap dance lessons at Campbell’s Dance Studio in Mesa.

He continued to dance at Campbell’s for the next five years, then received additional dance training from the Tempe Dance Academy and from summer programs at the School of American Ballet, San Francisco Ballet and Brigham Young University.

Wesley says, as a male dancer, he was a little “paranoid” about being made fun of in elementary and junior high school so, for the most part, his dancing was kept secret.

As he moved into high school, Wesley participated in Scouting, competed on the swim team, got good grades, and continued to dance; and, along the way, the 2006 graduate from Mesa’s Mountain View High School learned to stand up for what he wanted and to go for his dreams, in spite of ridicule or outside pressure.

“I’ve had a lot of emotional, spiritual experiences dancing,” he says, adding, “It’s kind of sad, an unfortunate thing, that people tend to ridicule something that they have no idea about.”

He says he would like people to understand “how athletic and masculine dance really is. In ballet, the role of a man is a prince or some other heroic, masculine figure.”

In some instances, Wesley has had to take a heroic stance off the dance floor as well.

In addition to the lack of understanding from peers and church friends, opposition has come from some adults who have questioned his choice to dance rather than attending college.

Plus, on the other front, he’s had to take a stand against the lifestyle adopted by many in the dance world.

“It’s about being an example. It’s not always the most spiritually uplifting environment but I can be the one token LDS dancer guy who is not going to adopt those bad and stupid things many dancers do,” Wesley says.

Some dance professionals also are pressuring him to stick with dance rather than accepting a call to serve an LDS mission. Though he has already passed up a scholarship to the University of Utah’s classical ballet program and some believe he will not be able to pick up his dance after being away for two years, Wesley is determined to serve. Again, his approach is one of commitment to those things he prizes most.

After all, he says, “If you sit on the fence, you only get splinters.”

For more information about Ballet Arizona, visit www.balletaz.org. Tickets for “Nutcracker,” which runs December 7 through 27 at Symphony Hall, are available through Ticketmaster or by calling 602-381-1096 or 1-888-3BALLET.

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Singles ward *combines* service *and* socializing *at* Desert Botanical Gardens

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Members of the Elliot Groves (Singles) Ward enjoyed a morning of service and socializing as they participated in making tissue paper flowers and school kits as part of a project for the Desert Botanical Gardens.

Members of the Elliot Groves (Single Adult) Ward in the Tempe West Stake found a fun and creative way to provide community service and to socialize at the same time at a recent service project at the Desert Botanical Garden.

At the foot of the red buttes of Papago Park, the Desert Botanical Garden is a one-of-a-kind botanical museum that showcases 50 acres of outdoor exhibits, where, among the beautifully designed gardens, grow 139 rare, threatened and endangered plant species from around the world.

Known nationally and internationally for its educational programs and for various special events throughout the year, the Desert Botanical Garden relies on volunteers to prepare for the more than 300,000 visitors each year, including the 40,000 school children who visit on field trips.

More than 30 members of the Elliot Groves Ward gathered in the garden setting, where they set to work cutting prickly pear and agave candy. They also made large, colorful tissue paper flowers for the Dia de Muertes Festival and, in addition, the ward volunteers enjoyed putting together kits for school tours. Kits that guide students as they tour the gardens are geared to the various grade levels.

The service project coordinator, Sharon Schnakenburg was interested to learn that the Garden had volunteer projects that could be done by individuals or groups and that many of the projects could be done in a few hours' time.

She said the ward was excited to do a project that not only was beneficial for the community, but one that gave participants an opportunity to work together and socialize.

The Desert Botanical Garden is open October 1 through May 11 and special exhibits are featured at various times of the year. For example, the gardens are particularly well known for Las Noches

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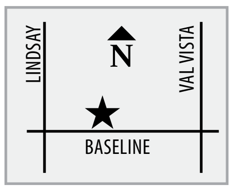

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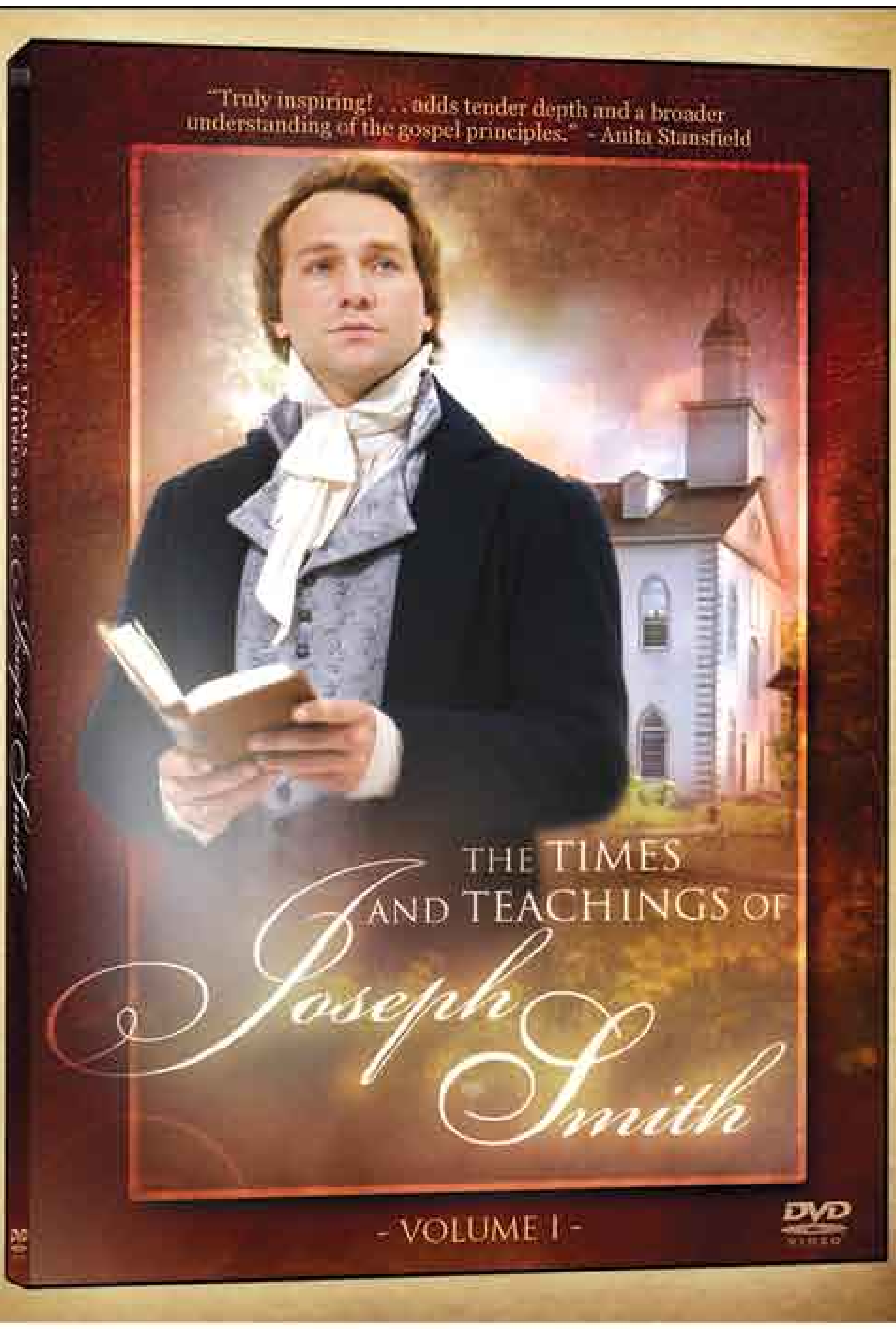
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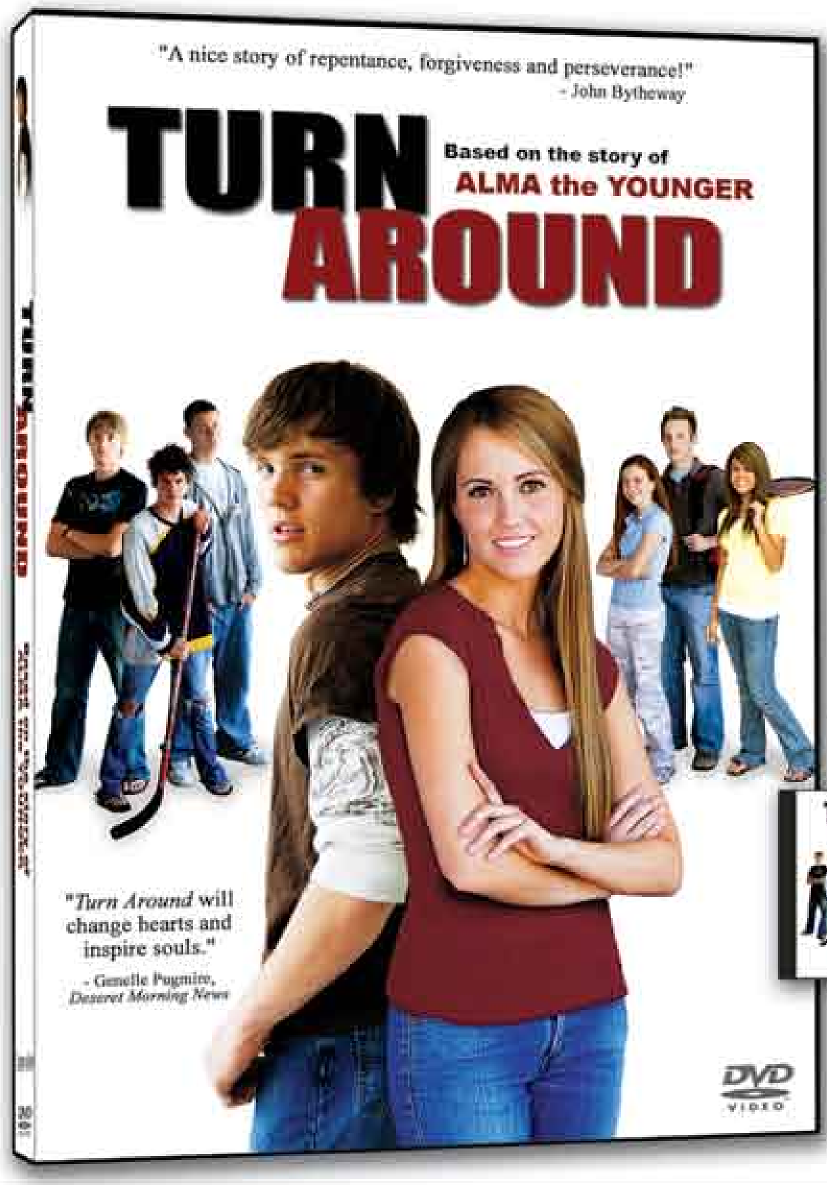
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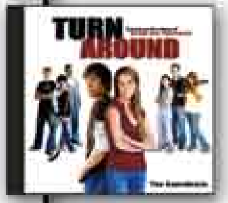
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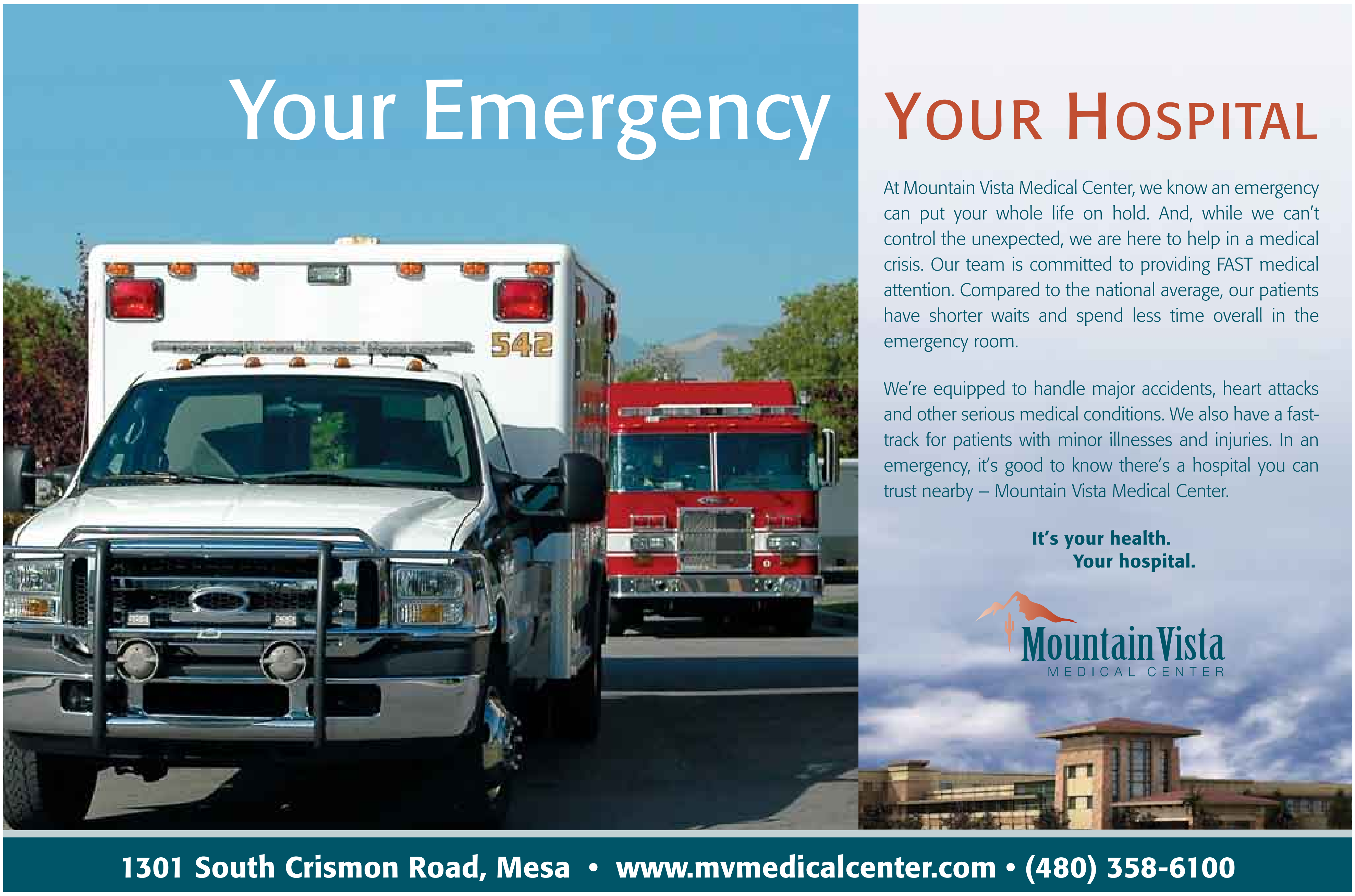

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Newest southeast Valley country club *caters to needs of LDS families*

By Cecily Markland
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Jason Hatch, shown at the entrance to Encanterra, a Triology Country Club, contributed much to the family-friendly design elements of the unique floor plans and amenities of the southeast Valley's newest country club community.

While some homes are designed for entertaining and some communities boast beautiful architectural elements, Encanterra, the all-new Triology Country Club from Shea Homes, has it all—the beauty and charm of an old-world Mediterranean countryside village combined with all the appointments of resort living, like a clubhouse, restaurant, pools and fitness facilities; plus a long list of family-friendly features and functionality as well.

Encanterra, conveniently located in Queen Creek with easy access to the 202 freeway and with shopping and a hospital across the street, is the southeast Valley's newest private country club community.

Jason Hatch, the ward mission leader in the Val Vista 2nd Ward, played an integral role in envisioning and developing Encanterra's family-friendly floor plans and amenities.

He says the community itself is designed around families.

"For example, we created 'reunion parks'—large, open spaces to hold family reunions or ward parties," Jason says.

The 42,000 square-foot clubhouse, with its private restaurant and multiple activity rooms, is perfect for weddings, entertaining and group gatherings.

Encanterra offers 14 floor plans, each with unique and functional layouts, designed based on exhaustive customer research and feedback. Many of the standard features were designed particularly with the LDS lifestyle in mind.

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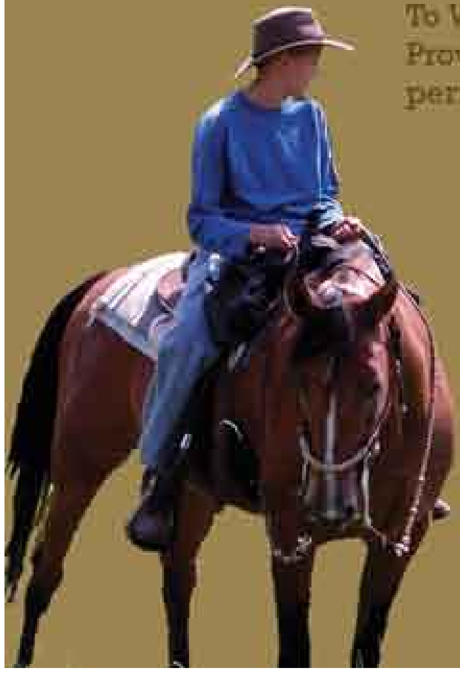

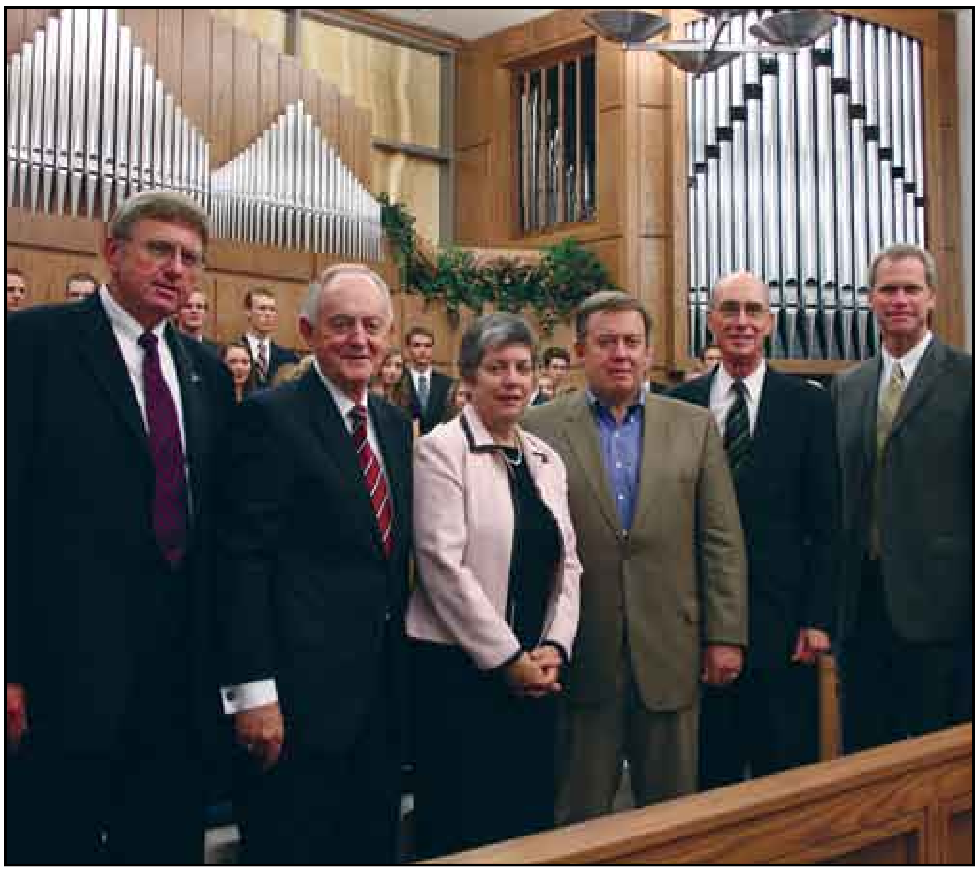

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Church and community leaders, including (from left) T. Dennis Barney, Tempe University Stake president; Elder W. Rolfe Kerr, Commissioner of Church Education; Janet Napolitano, Arizona governor; Dr. Michael M. Crow, president of ASU; President Henry B. Eyring and D. Hyrum Wright, director of Tempe Institute were among more than 1,000 who attended the dedication of the new Tempe Institute building at ASU.

TEMPE INSTITUTE *built with* "CONSECRATED OFFERINGS"

By Jill B. Adair
The Beehive

Sunday, September 16, marked a joyous occasion as the Tempe Institute of Religion at Arizona State University was dedicated by Henry B. Eyring of the Quorum of the Twelve. Thousands of Church leaders, state and university officials, students, teachers and others gathered to celebrate the much-anticipated and long-awaited facility.

The former Institute building, in use since 1964, was razed 20 months previously. For years, Church Education System officials hoped for a new, larger building on Church-owned land in what is now the heart of campus, but the idea wasn't supported by university officials.

Yet, that changed completely in 2002 when, soon after Michael Crow became ASU's president, he met with local CES leaders and voiced support for a new Institute building.

University officials and Church leaders worked out a plan that would allow the Institute to expand while remaining on the corner of McAllister and Terrace roads. As part of the agreement, the Church also traded a nearby lot for a similar piece of property adjoining the Institute.

The new, two-story building has more than 44,000 square feet that includes nine classrooms, several study rooms, two chapels, instructor's offices, a gym, game room and kitchen. Adjacent is a four-level, 600-space parking garage where students may park free on days they attend Institute class.

A beautiful and unique feature, located in the main chapel, is a 20-rank pipe organ handcrafted by Ohio's Schantz Organ Company. The organ was installed and will be maintained with donated funds.

The new Institute, which opened August 20, for fall semester, had 1,700 students registered at the time of the dedication and that number was expected to grow. The building is designed to accommodate up to 4,000 students.

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Tempe Institute

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created in 2002, which currently has eight wards serving students in the Tempe area. Four of those wards will meet in the new building.

Elder Eyring called it a "personal and emotional moment" for him to be at the dedication. He shared some history of his family's roots in eastern Arizona and their commitment to higher education.

"I am the recipient of an example, which you will be to those who follow you, that you can pursue truth and be really good at it and, at the same time, be a child of God," he told the crowd.

Elder Eyring said the facility was built with "consecrated offerings," and that it would not only bless those who are in the area now, but others, for generations to come.

"What you obtain here in this building will add another dimension to your lives…Here you may study the word of God; here you may worship him in the spirit and in truth. We need the opportunity to ponder and learn these things which matter most," he said.

He added that the building also will be a place for students to mingle with peers, to laugh, play and, perhaps, to fall in love.

"I commend to you the precious opportunities that this facility affords; make it an important part of your lives," he said.

T. Dennis Barney, Tempe University Stake president, said he hoped the new building will become a "home away from home" for students attending school; a place where they can learn more about the Savior, Jesus Christ; develop their faith in Him and learn more about Heavenly Father.

In his remarks, Dr. Crow recognized LDS contributions in the history of Arizona and the founding of the university.

He pointed out positive changes that have occurred as campus officials have worked with the LDS community.

"We hope that parents can feel more and more comfortable about their children being here," he said.

He noted that the event was more than the dedication of a building, but a "rededication of a central principle of the United States—freedom of religion."

Michael Lambert, assistant to the area director for CES, expressed his hopes that the purpose of the building would not be forgotten.

"The whole purpose of CES and Institute is to learn of the Savior and draw closer to Him," he said. "We hope that students will follow the prophet, and enroll in Institute."

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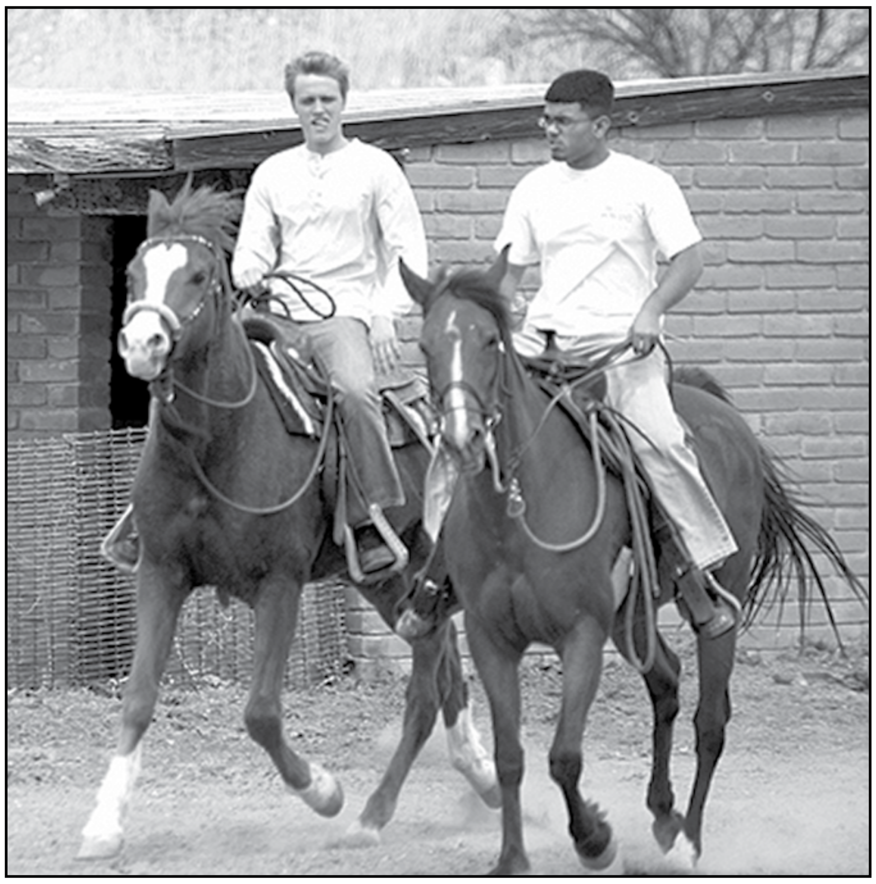
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Todd Searle and Johnathan Dela Cruz practice their horsemanship at the Arivaca Boys Ranch, a working cattle ranch that will open to troubled teens in January.

ARIVACA BOYS RANCH

to implement "**Horse Therapy**" to help troubled teens

By Jill B. Adair
The Beehive

Ron Searle loves horses; he also loves youth. Years ago, in working with a "horse whisperer" to better understand his own horses, he realized the animals could be a great tool in working with troubled teens.

Brother Searle of the Gilbert Second Ward, Gilbert Arizona Stake, began formulating a program using "horse therapy."

"I found that horses are so sensitive to their environment and people around them," says the ASU Institute instructor and stake Young Men president. "They have such a keen ability to understand what is around them that you would almost think they are reading your mind, and they are able to mirror your emotions almost perfectly."

He says those who are familiar with horses recognize and understand the power of these animals to influence people in incredible ways.

"Using horses to develop relation-

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Arivaca Boys Ranch

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ships, learning to care for horses responsibly—combined with horse training and professional horsemanship—creates a natural situation that affects the people involved in a positive manner," he says.

He believes that with horses as the therapeutic tool, young men who are struggling with problems in their own lives will discover themselves through the eyes of their horse. Ron maintains that "horse therapy" will help these young men develop healthy relationships with parents and other family members and become responsible citizens.

With that idea in mind, Brother Searle sought a place to bring his dream to life.

He found it in the rolling hills of Southern Arizona near a small town called Arivaca.

The ranch, one of the oldest cattle ranches in Arizona, is on 575 acres and has more than 23,000 additional acres with grazing rights. It is currently running 350 head of cattle.

Brother Searle is updating the facility and hopes to soon bring in nearly 200 more horses to the ranch.

The Arivaca Boys Ranch, which will open in January 2008, will accommodate up to 50 troubled teenage boys at a time who will participate in a 10-month program. These boys will live, work and learn on the working ranch.

Brother Searle recognizes that there are many "troubled teen" schools and ranches in the U.S., many of them focusing on a disciplined, almost military-like, approach to helping youth.

"Young people learn quickly how to give the 'right' answers and do the 'right' things to cope," he says, "but fall right back to their old habits when they return home."

He wants to reverse that trend.

"We have developed a program that builds on positive experiences while young men learn to see themselves as they really are, and visualize themselves as they might become," he says. "We believe change comes from the inside and is not externally motivated."

He also says that parents are an integral part of the program.

"We cannot help a boy without parental involvement," he says. "Parents will be required to work through a curriculum each month while their son is in our program."

Brother Searle says he sought out others to help him bring his dream to fruition. Partner Boyd Anderson, current partner in AT Meridian Development and Construction, is overseeing all the physical facilities operations and maintenance of the ranch.

Others include Carter Poulsen, Ted Snow, Mike and Margaret Stroud, D. Hyrum Wright, Luke Hallows, Norm King, John Poulsen and Clif Pinckard.

For details, visit www.arivacaboysranch.com.

Singles Ward Service

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de las Luminarias, now in its 30th year. This year's event is open to the general public on the nights of December 6 through 9, 13 through 16 and 20 through 23. For more information and other events of interest, visit the Web site at www.dbg.org.

For anyone interested in volunteering during 2008, the Desert Botanical Garden will host a Volunteer Fair on Saturday, January 5. Anyone interested may drop in between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m to the garden's Webster Auditorium to learn about the 20 different volunteer programs, talk to staff and volunteers and sign up for training courses.

According to the Web site, "There is something for everyone, including opportunities in education, horticulture and special events. At this time, there is a great need for volunteer tour guides."

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LDS mother helps people live a HEALTHY lifestyle

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

During three-day, intensive retreats, Erleen Tilton not only teaches participants how to transform their health, she also gives the hands-on experiences, tools and recipes that allow them to return home and do just that.

Sunny Oettel of the Catalina Ward, Gilbert Greenfield Stake, says, "Erleen Tilton has selflessly devoted years to helping people learn to take better care of themselves and their loved ones. She has many answers to health questions."

What Erleen shares is the result of more than 25 years of study, research, application and observation—all of which began when she sought answers for herself.

As a young mother, Erleen found herself tired and facing many health challenges. She tried several approaches, but finally found relief only after a naturopathic physician put her on a diet of strictly whole foods.

"I realized that the nutrition found in the foods Heavenly Father created was not only vital for my physical health, but an absolute must for my emotional, psychological and mental health as well," Sister Tilton says. "Once I started giving my body the nutrients it was lacking by using natural, whole foods I gained the health, mental and emotional well-being that I was seeking."

As she found answers, she began sharing her knowlege in books, tapes and on her Web site.

She will soon release her fifth cookbook, *Creatively Complete Dinners,* which includes meals that are nutritious and easy to put together, some of them in just 10 minutes. It is the second in her new series, *"For the Healthy Leaner Lifestyle."*

The first in that series is her *Simple Super Salads,* which features many salads to serve as a meal, dressings and other healthy mix-in ideas. Erleen has written three other cookbooks, which are now out of print; however, still available are her *Successful Organic Gardening Manual* and booklets on natural first aid and healthy holiday recipes.

She also posts helpful information on her Web site, www.livingahealthylifestyle.com, including archived health articles on topics such as allergies, migraines, digestion, weight management, fitness, and more.

In recent blogs, at www.living-a-healthy-lifestyle.blogspot.com, Erleen addresses eating disorders, using herbs and spices, losing weight during the holidays and curbing carb cravings. Plus, recipes are scattered throughout her blogs.

Sister Tilton has appeared on television and radio shows and frequently presents workshops at stake and ward events and Relief Society enrichment nights. She is currently offering classes called: "Lose Weight, Not Gain, This Holiday Season" and "10 Healthy Meals You Can Make in 10 Minutes." Erleen's health retreats are also popular among those who are serious about eliminating health challenges. For more details, e-mail Erleen at contact@erleentilton.com.

Katie Judy Photography

For more than 25 years, Erleen Tilton has taught others--through her blog, health articles, retreats for women and for couples, workshops and books health topics and cookbooks--how to apply natural health principles for greater energy, weight loss and improved health and well-being.

Members of the Gilbert Higley Stake's Fairview Ward, Erleen and her husband, Bill, have lived in Gilbert for 28 years, where they have raised their six children surrounded by a generous organic garden and a variety of animals. The Tiltons now have three married children and their six grandchildren are quickly learning that there are always good things to eat at grandma's house.

The following salad recipes come from *Simple Super Salads* by Erleen Tilton. For more recipes or to learn about scheduling Erleen for a Relief Society Enrichment or other meeting, visit www.erleentilton.com, or contact her at contact@erleentilton.com or 480-326-523.

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Erleen Tilton's *Simple Super Salads* cookbook
from her *For the Healthy, Leaner Lifestyle* series, presents salads that are delicious, nutritious and filling enough for a meal:

Asian Cabbage Salad

½ lb. Tofu, cubed

3 Tbs. apple cider vinegar

2 Tbs. olive oil

1 Tbs. soy sauce or Braggs liquid aminos

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tsp. fresh grated ginger

1 tsp. salt

1 cucumber, peeled and diced

1 red bell pepper, diced

1 c. edamame (sweet soy beans)

1 c. cooked brown rice

2 Tbs. sesame seeds

2 c. chopped cabbage

Combine tofu with the next six ingredients in the bottom of a serving bowl. Top with the other items in the order given. Fold all together just before serving.

Greek Deluxe Salad

Dressing:

3 Tbs. olive oil

3 Tbs. lemon juice

½ tsp. salt

1 clove garlic

Salad:

½ head Romaine lettuce, torn

3 Roma tomatoes, halved and sliced

1 cucumber, peeled, quartered and diced

½ cup halved Greek olives

¼ cup pine nuts

¼ lb. tofu, cubed

¼ cup fresh snipped basil

In a serving bowl, layer salad ingredients. Mix dressing ingredients and pour over.

Chickpea, Spinach, and Broccoli Salad

The chickpea, spinach, and broccoli make a superb combination for a one-meal feast.

Dressing:

3 Tbs. Braggs liquid aminos or soy sauce

2 Tbs. Water

2 Tbs. Flax see oil or olive oil

2 Tbs. sesame tahini

2 Tbs. lemon juice

2 cloves garlic, pressed

Salad:

15 oz. can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), or 2 c. cooked and drained

2 c. broccoli florets

2 c. baby spinach leaves

½ c. thin sliced carrots

¼ c. raw sunflower seeds

In salad bowl, combine the dressing. Top with remaining ingredients in given order. Toss gently just before serving.

Baked Potato Green Salad

This is a great one-meal salad for all baked potato lovers. It has a great flavor!

Dressing:

½ c. fresh chopped dill weed

1 clove garlic, pressed

2 Tbs. lemon juice

1 Tbs. olive oil

1 tsp. salt

¼ tsp black pepper or dash cayenne

Salad:

2 medium potatoes, baked and diced in ½" cubes

¼ c. drained and diced artichoke hearts

1 c. grape tomatoes, or 3 plum tomatoes, diced

1 c. shelled edamame (green soybeans) or green peas

3 c. baby lettuce greens

In salad bowl, mix dressing ingredients. Add diced potatoes and toss well. Toss with remaining salad ingredients and toss well just before serving.

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Tempe High School **computer teacher** prepares students for job success

Photo provided by Doug Taysom

Doug Taysom, a Tempe High School teacher and mastermind behind the school's highly successful computer lab and coursework, encourages his students to develop a "passion for solving problems."

By Rachel Faas Trim
The Beehive

Doug Taysom, mastermind behind Tempe High School's Computer Lab and coursework, says, "Students who graduate with advanced computer skills greatly improve their chances of getting a fantastic job."

"Every year my computer students amaze me," he continues. "As they near graduation, many are ready to take the exam to earn their Microsoft A+ certification. …Many of my students are also able to finish about half of the coursework required towards a Cisco Networking Certificate."

While both certificates can be earned in professional curriculums, high school students can take the courses free and can earn college credit for them.

According to Doug, students can apply computer skills to any job and should take as many computer courses as they can.

Many local high school programs offer the classes and he advises students to look for programs that include information technology, computer manufacturing and repair (STRUT, which stands for Students Repairing Used Technology), and Cisco Networking. Students at Tempe High School build their own computers, repair, network, and do everything necessary to make computers work.

"Tech-savvy students can use their skills to land a good job and even pay their way through college," Doug says. "I am in contact with former students on a regular basis who get paid very well in career-level technology positions nationwide."

He says they've qualified for jobs that include networking, Web building, cable installation, and technical assistance as well as computer set-up for businesses, homeowners and schools.

"One former student is paid to play and test computer games," Doug says. "Who wouldn't want to get paid to do what they love?"

It was while serving an LDS mission to Paris, France, that Doug first felt inspired to pursue teaching. Eventually, he attended the teacher preparation program at Cedar City Southern Utah State College. Upon graduation, Cedar College honored him with the prestigious Pestalozzi Award, which is given to one person in each graduating class who is considered by the instructors to be the most qualified new secondary education teacher.

Doug began teaching in 1985 at his alma mater, Tempe High School. Although his career began in the science department, by 1997, a new opportunity emerged. He accepted the challenge to create an innovative technology education program.

Over the last decade, the high school's widely respected program has maintained its reputation as state of the art and cutting edge. Doug has taught computer courses at the neighboring McClintock High School and also is an adjunct professor with Chandler Gilbert Community College.

Now in his 22nd year of teaching, Doug still enjoys providing students with tools that help them solve problems in their schoolwork, careers, and life.

"I learn more from the kids than they learn from me," Doug says. "They are always surprised to learn that I give extra credit if they teach me something new. Then, they say to themselves, 'What else can I show this old guy?' I love it."

Doug and his wife, Janet, are members of Tempe Stake's Alameda Ward. They have two sons, Jim, 20, who is currently serving a mission in the Philippines; and Andrew, 15.

To contact Doug Taysom for information regarding local high school and community college technology programs, or to donate used computer equipment to STRUT programs, please e-mail him at dtaysom.ths@tuhsd.k12.az.us.

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Family-friendly Christmas and New Year's Eve events at Rockin' R Ranch

The Rockin' R Ranch experience—with an all-you-can-eat chuckwagon dinner and a foot-stompin' western stage show featuring the Rockin' R Wranglers—takes on a holiday flair with its annual Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations.

The fun, western-style event—with gold panning and gunfight reenactments, western shops and hot Dutch oven biscuits—is a good fit for families, church and community groups.

Beginning the day after Thanksgiving and continuing each Wednesday through Saturday through New Year's Eve, the old West excitement, adds free wagon rides, Christmas lights and decorations, and the Wrangler's "Cowboy Christmas Ball" show, complete with traditional holiday favorites and cowboy tunes and their own brand of humor and audience involvement.

During the holidays, guest performers—including local performing groups and children's choirs—are featured in shows that are staged from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Groups who would like to participate are encouraged to inquire by calling (480) 832-1539.

Again this year, Rockin' R Ranch also offers a Family-Style New Year's Eve Celebration, with all the fun and festivities, ending at a family-friendly 9:30 p.m.

Rockin' R Ranch is located at 6136 E. Baseline in Mesa. For more information and go towww.rockinr.net or to make reservations call (480) 832-1539.

Group provides networking opportunities for LDS professionals

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

The Arizona Management Society kicked off its 2007-2008 year with an excellent lineup of speakers, new location for luncheon meetings and the introduction of even more ways to get involved in networking with LDS professionals.

The year's first two speakers—ASU Professor, Bruce Merrill, and CEO of Element Homes, Scott Peterson—shared insights on politics and government and the state of the economy for Arizona builders. November's event focused on networking. There was no meeting scheduled for December. In January, Dean Ned Hill of BYU's Marriott School will speak to the group, with Todd Davis scheduled for February.

For this year, the luncheon location has changed; so, meetings are now held at East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in Mesa. The meetings include time for networking, a delicious meal, and the speaker's presentation. The cost is $10 for members and $15 for guests.

To further the networking opportunities, particularly for those unable to attend meetings, Arizona Management Society has established a group on LinkedIn. To join the free group, go to www.linkedin.com/e/gis/28411/462C9C5DD88D

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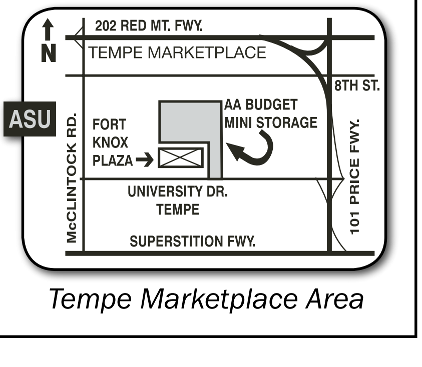

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The Gould Group principals are Kelly and Penny Gould. Both have Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Management from the prestigious Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. Penny was born in Arizona and, together with Kelly, has lived in "The Valley of the Sun" for 17 years.

Penny currently serves on the Keller Williams Realty East Valley's Agent Leadership Council, which is comprised of the top producing agents in the company. Continuously acknowledged for her dedication, Penny was awarded the Keller Williams Values & Ethics award in 2005 and, in 2007, she was nominated for the Keller Williams Cultural Icon Award.

Shannon (Gould) Vowles is The Gould Group's office manager and is a key member of the team. Shannon has extensive experience in customer service, sales and marketing. She is a licensed realtor whose efforts are instrumental in ensuring that all the many details of real estate transactions go smoothly.

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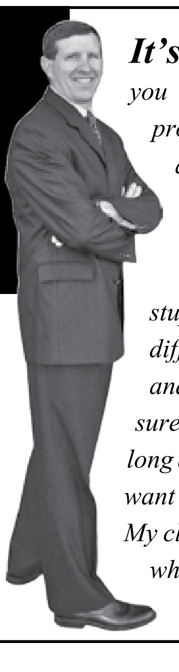

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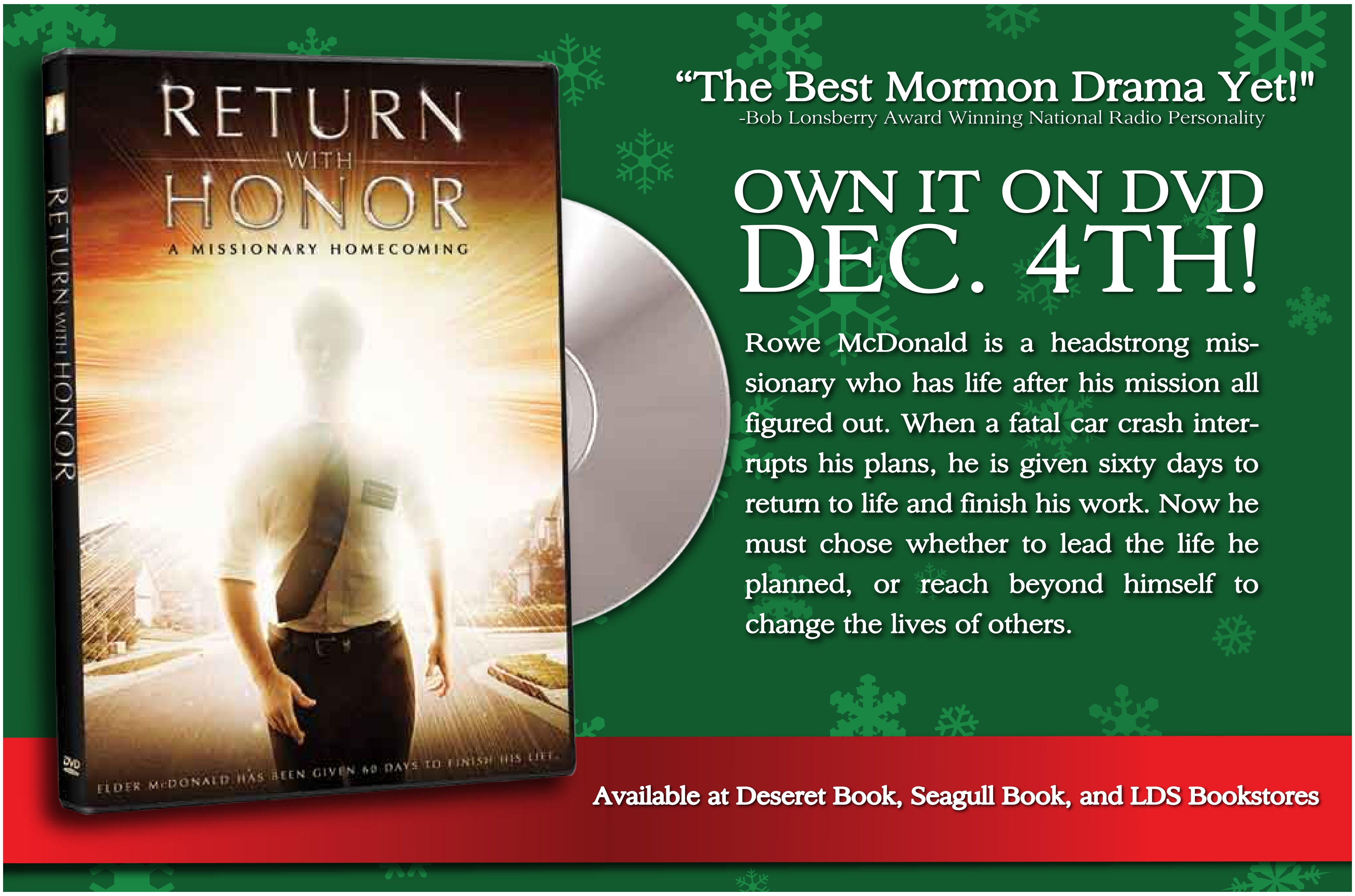
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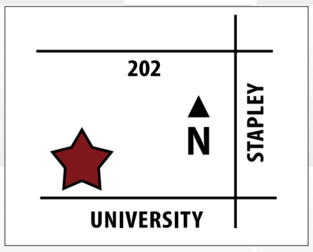
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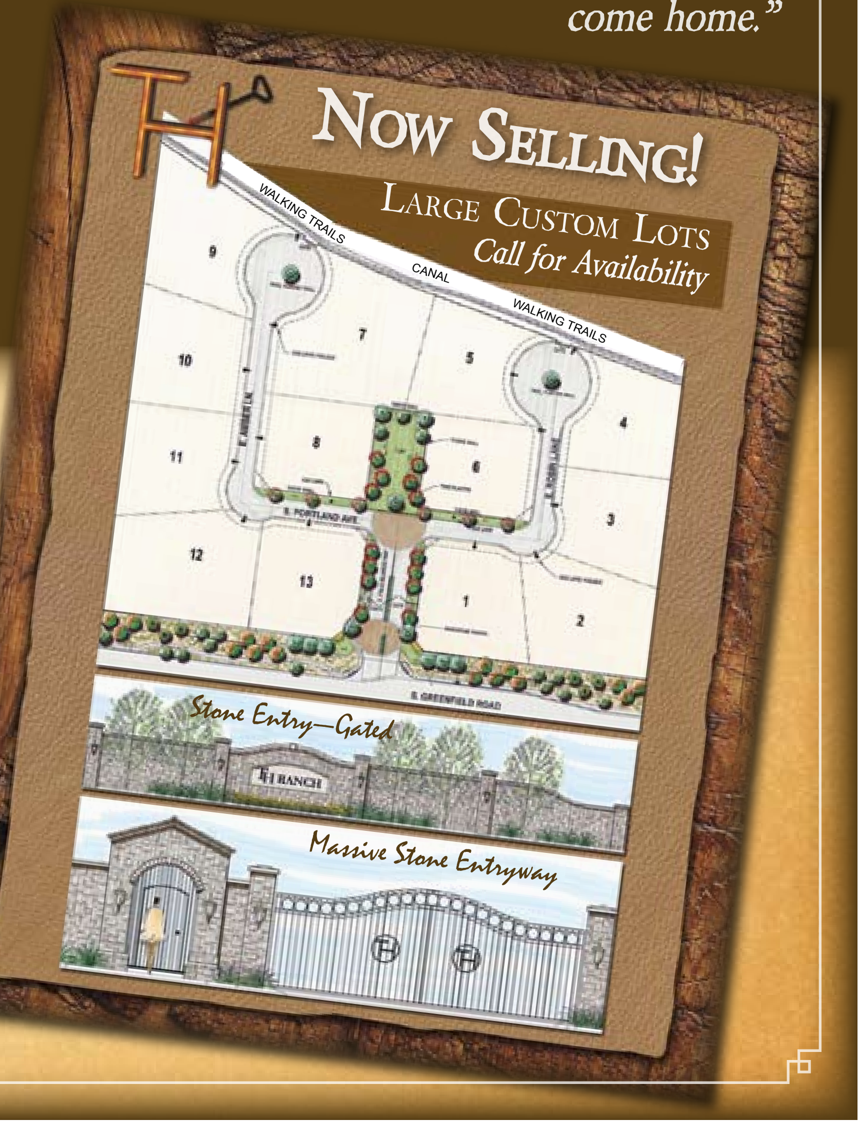
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